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### **BLM to host Greater Sage-grouse EIS economic workshop**

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management's Northwest Colorado District is hosting a public workshop June 12 designed to gather social and economic information that will be used in its district-wide Greater Sage-grouse planning effort.

The BLM is writing an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze incorporating new Greater Sage-grouse conservation measures into its Resource Management Plans for the five field offices within the District: the Colorado River Valley Field Office in Silt, the Grand Junction Field Office, the Kremmling Field Office, the Little Snake Field Office in Craig and the White River Field Office in Meeker.

The conservation measures being considered cover a wide range of activities on BLM land, including mineral leasing and development, recreation, and livestock grazing. These measures would have social and economic impacts on communities in northwestern Colorado. The workshop is designed to share information and to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments to help BLM identify potential social and economic impacts to be addressed in the EIS and considered in BLM's decision.

The open house meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 12 in Steamboat Springs at the Community Center, 1605 Lincoln Ave. Repeating presentations will be given at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to stop by anytime during the open house.

More than 1.8 million acres of Colorado's greater sage-grouse habitat are on BLM lands in the Northwest District. That's almost half of the entire greater sage-grouse habitat in Colorado. For more information on the Great Sage-grouse conservation effort in northwestern Colorado, visit: [http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Programs/wildlife/sage-grouse.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/wildlife/sage-grouse.html).

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